



By the King.

A Proclamation forbidding all His Majesties Subjects belonging to the Trained Bands or *Militia* of this Kingdom, to Rise, March, Muster or Exercise, by vertue of any Order or Ordinance of one or both Houses of Parliament, without consent or Warrant from His Majestie, upon pain of punishment according to the Laws.



Whereas by the Statute made in the seventh year of King Edward the first, The Prelates, Earls, Barons, and Commualty of the Realm affirmed in Parliament, That to the King it belongeth, and His part it is by His Royall Seigniorie straitly to defend wearing of Armour, and all other Force against the Peace, at all times when it shall please Him, and to punish them which shall do contrary, according to the Laws and Usages of the Realm, and hereunto all Subjects are bound to aid the King, as their Sovereign Lord, at all seasons, when need shall be. And Whereas we understand, That expressly contrary to the said Statute, and other good Laws of this Our Kingdom, under colour and pretence of an Ordinance of Parliament, without Our consent, or any Commission or Warrant from Us, The trained Bands and Militia of this Kingdom, have been lately, and are intended to be put in Arms, and drawn into Companies in a warlike manner, whereby the Peace and Quiet of Our Subjects is, or may be disturbed: we being desirous by all gracious and fair Admonitions to prevent, that some Malignant persons in this Our Kingdom do not by degrees seduce Our good Subjects from their due Obedience to Us, and the Laws of this Our Kingdom, subtilly endeavouring by a generall Combustion or Confusion to hide their mischievous Designes and Intentions against the Peace of this Our Kingdom, and under a specious pretence of putting Our Trained Bands into a Posture, draw and engage Our good Subjects in a warlike Opposition against Us, as Our Town of Hull is already by the Treason of Sir John Horham, who at first pretended to put a Garrison into the same, onely for Our Security and Service.

we do therefore by this Our Proclamation expressly Charge and Command all Our Sheriffs, and all Colonels, Lieutenant-Colonels, Serjeant-Majors, Captains, Officers, and Souldiers belonging to the Trained Bands of this Our Kingdom, and likewise all High and Petty-Constables, and other Our Officers and Subjects whatsoever, upon their Allegiance, and as they tender the Peace of this Our Kingdom, Not to Muster, Leavie, Raise, or March, or to Summon, or Warn upon any Warrant, Order, or Ordinance from one, or both Our Houses of Parliament (whereto we have not, or shall not give Our expresse Consent) any of Our Trained Bands, or other Forces, to Rise, Muster, March, or Exercise, without expresse Warrant under Our hand, or Warrant from Our Sheriffe of the County, grounded upon a particular Writ to that purpose, under Our great Seal. And in case any of Our Trained Bands shall Rise, or gather together contrary to this Our Command, we shall then call them in due time to a strict Account, and proceed Legally against then as Violaters of the Laws, and Disturbers of the Peace of the Kingdom.

Given at Our Court at York the seven and twentieth day of May. 1642.

God save the King.

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17. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the subject of the above-entitled bill, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

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people to appear upon the
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